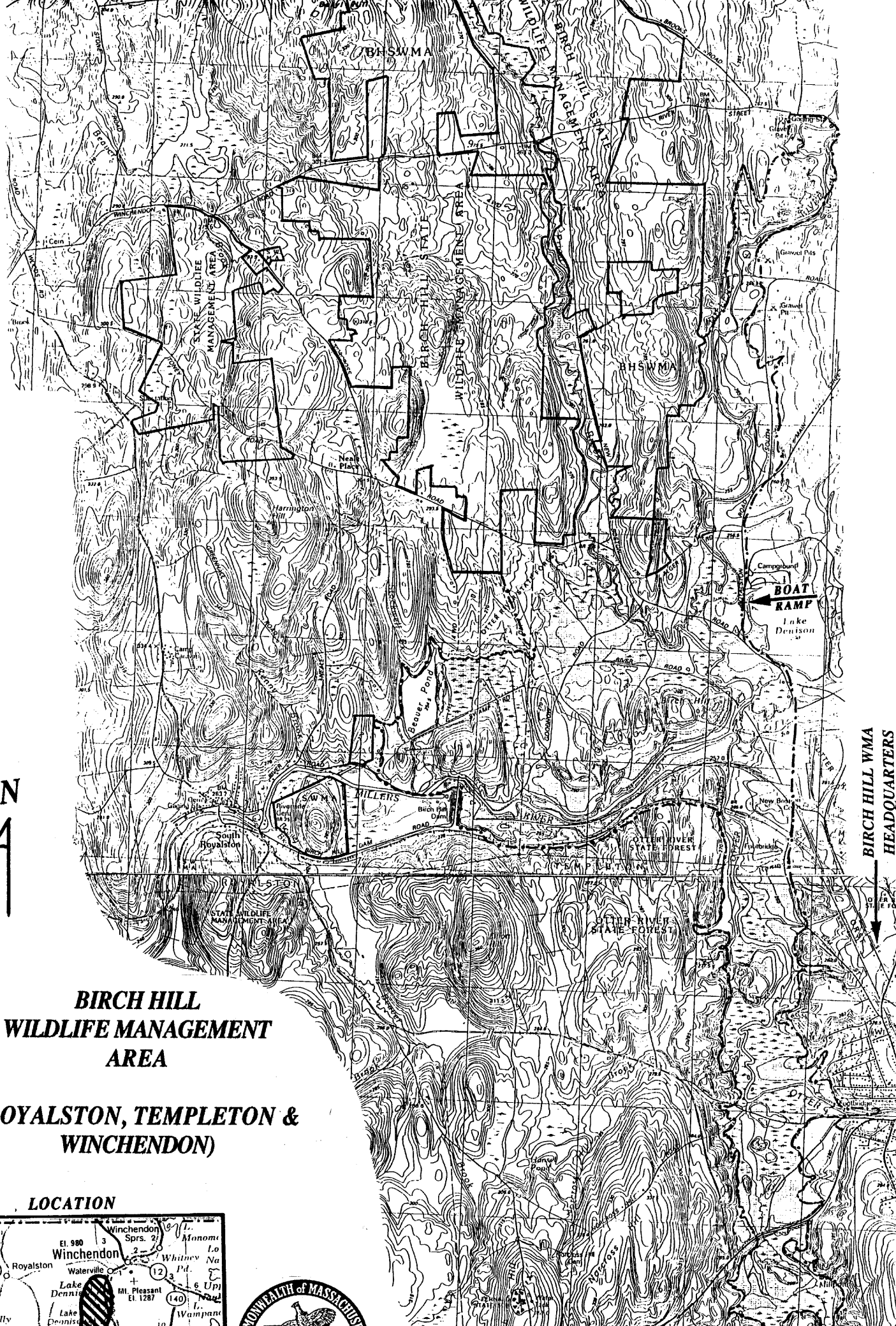


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# **BIRCH HILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

**(ROYALSTON, TEMPLETON &  
WINCHENDON)**

## **LOCATION**



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(Winchendon/Royalston~Templeton)

- SIZE:** This huge, multi-parcel area encompasses a total of **7,431** acres: 3,210 owned by the MDFW; the remaining 4,221 leased from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through the Department of Environmental Management. U.S.G.S. Quads: Winchendon, Athol
- VEGETATION:** Due to the size of this area, a multitude of habitats are represented, but in general it would be classified as mixed hardwood and conifer forest interspersed with open fields, brush lands and shallow-water grass hummock marshes.
- WATER:** The area contains portions of the Otter and Millers Rivers, both stocked trout waters; a number of cold water streams containing native brook trout; and a number of small ponds and marsh areas.
- WILDLIFE:** Stocked pheasant, grouse, snowshoe hare, woodcock, deer, waterfowl, red and gray fox, turkey, aquatic fur-bearers, great blue heron, various raptors and numerous nongame species.
- SPECIAL REGULATIONS:** Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the pheasant season.